

REMARKS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on

February 10, 2005:

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: claims 1, 3-5 and 62
3. Identification of art discussed: Karellas, Perez-Mendez, Takahashi
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Lack of motivation to combine

references due to avalanche amplification effects.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Teaching away of the combination of references.

7. Results of Interview: No agreement was reached.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 59, 62 and 64-69 remain pending in the application and remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the combination of Karellas in view of Perez-Mendez and Takahashi. The Examiner maintains the same rationale for the rejections as set forth in the

Interview Record OK
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